

Haberman requests reverse order. Looking for Senator Chambers and Senator Pirsch. Mr. Clerk, reverse order, roll call.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See page 2739 of the Legislative Journal.) 23 ayes, 25 nays, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion fails. Do you have anything further, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Yes, sir, I do.

PRESIDENT: The call is raised.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next item is again on LB 784. Senator Schmit and Baack would move to override the Governor's line item veto with respect to the Natural Resources Commission's Resources Development Fund.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit, are you going to start?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, I recognize that the hour is late and I recognize that the Legislature has worked long for 90 days, but I cannot allow this time to expire without offering this motion. I would like to call attention to the many speeches and the many, many pages of news print and words that you have heard over the radio and the television lamenting the sad lack of interest in our natural resources, the fact that this United States has an abundance of natural resources and that we do not protect them. Well, ladies and gentlemen, if you were to go back over the last four or five, six, seven years, you would find that this Legislature has continually reduced the amount of money devoted to those areas until this year, the Budget Committee did come through with a little more money, considerably more money than last year which was \$100,000 of new money. That's a tremendous amount of money. Now, ladies and gentlemen, I do not know what the proper level of funding for this project is, but the Nebraska Resources Development Fund, at the present level, is a joke. Now we either ought to abolish the fund and say we don't care about it, we are not going to spend any money in this area, we are going to wipe it out and we will blow that \$200,000 in some other area or else we ought to fund it. What the body chooses to do is your own decision. It makes no personal difference to me. But this Legislature has consistently shown contempt, and I use the word after it's careful consideration, for the natural resource needs of this state. One of the charges of the Natural Resources Committee